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In re application of:

Gary K. Michel

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For: SINGLE-LOCK ANTERIOR
CERVICAL PLATE (As Amended)

Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: N/A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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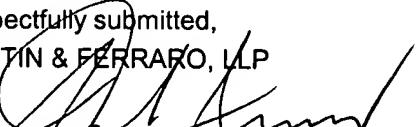
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